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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the above amendments and below traverse.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10 and 13-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Morita (U.S. Patent No. 6,695,702). The Examiner assertions include that Morita teaches at column 6, lines 12-15 and 38-41 column 7, line 53-column 8, line 34 an accounting billing center that bills corresponding to a call made by operating a game start approval button.

Patentability of Claims 1-20

The present invention recited in claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 features "an input portion, for reading to input personal information to identify an user intending to operate the game play portion through a mobile communication terminal, enabling to make a call" and "a control portion, which identifies the user on the basis of the input of personal information and thereafter makes a call to an accounting center and actuates a game credit switch, to enable the game play by said game play portion, when said game start approval button is operated" and "said accounting center bills corresponding to said call made by operating said game start approval button."

On the other hand, Morita discloses that a control portion makes a call to enable the game play by a main body, when said game start approval button is

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operated on the basis of an input of personal information through a relay device, and it bills corresponding to the call.

However, Morita does not disclose an input portion, for reading to input personal information to identify a user intending to operate a game play portion through a mobile communication terminal, and a control portion which identifies the user on the basis of the input of personal information.

Therefore, Morita differs from the present invention recited in claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 and fails to anticipate the claims.

According to the present invention recited in claims 1, 2, 10 and 11, personal information for identifying an user is read from a mobile communication terminal to input by an input portion, and the user is identified on the basis of the input of personal information. When one of game start approval buttons of a game playing portion is operated, it makes a call to an accounting center and actuates a game credit switch, to enable the game play by the game play portion and to bill corresponding to the call.

Namely, the present invention recited in claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 reads personal information from the mobile communication terminal to identify the user who intends to operate the game play portion, thereafter the identified user operates game start approval button only so that it can accept the user to operate the game play portion and enable the game play and bill the user for the game play.

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On the other hand, Morita also discloses that a control portion makes a call to enable the game play by a main body, when a game start approval button is operated on the basis of an input of personal information from a portable telephone through a relay device, and it bills corresponding to the call.

However, Morita does not read personal information to identify an user from the portable telephone, but personal information such as data for characters in specified video games is obtained from i-mode site by the portable telephone to input through the relay device to the main body. The user plays game using the personal information by the main body.

Namely, the relay device is merely to connect the main body and the portable telephone, and it converts data output from one of the main body and the portable telephone and sends the converted data to the other thereof. Therefore, the relay device quite differs from the input portion of the present invention which reads personal information for identifying the user from the mobile communication terminal.

Accordingly, Morita obtains the personal information from i-mode site by the portable telephone and outputs the personal information to the relay device from the portable telephone when the personal information is input to the main body from the portable telephone.

That is, Morita must obtain and output the personal information through the portable telephone before a game start approval button is operated to enable

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the game play according to the personal information. Therefore, Morita fails to teach each limitation of the present invention recited in claims 1, 2, 10 and 11 and fails to anticipate the claims.

Patentability of Claims 21-24

In reviewing Morita, the reference illustrates in Figure 1 and teaches at column 2, line 11, connecting a portable telephone with a typical personal game system to expand the range of use of the game system. The invention enables connecting these devices without significant modification to the existing infrastructure.

Regarding the enhancements to the entertainment system, Morita discloses on column 6, line 38 that connecting the telephone to the entertainment system would enable the entertainment system to utilize site connection services by connecting with various IPs (information services provider), i-mode mail, and an Internet connection. For example, at column 8, line 49, Morita teaches that the system enables users playing games abroad to exchange game related data with each other.

Regarding billing, Morita teaches in the locations cited by the Examiner that the user is billed for the amount of data transferred rather than the duration of the call. In view of the desire to provide minimal modifications to the existing

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infrastructure, the billing mechanism in Morita disposed exclusively at the telephone company. See, for example, column 6, line 27 of Morita.

On the other hand, the specification for the invention teaches on page 13 connecting a portable telephone with a coin operated game machine where information exchanged enables the user to operate the game without the use of coins. The game credit switch, as illustrated in Figure 2 and disclosed on pages 11 through 13 is an on-off switch disposed on the game machine which switches to "on" based on the subscription of the user.

Based on the differences between the invention and Morita, new claims 21-24 are drafted to recite:

"a coin operable game play portion...

a control portion, which makes a call to an accounting center and actuates a game credit switch disposed within said game play portion to enable the game play by said game play portion so that said game play portion is operable without the use of coins..."

Accordingly, new claims 21-24 recite a game credit switch within a coin operated game machine that enables operation of the game machine without coins. As Morita fails to teach these limitations, Morita fails to anticipate new claims 21-24. *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631 (Fed. Cir. 1987) ("a claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim" is found in the cited prior art reference).

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Four further independent claim(s) in excess of three are added. The fee of \$800.00 for the claims is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.

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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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